

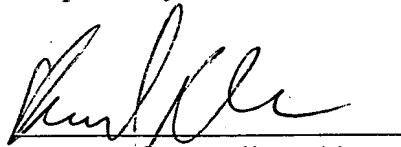
REMARKS

Replacement sheets which formalize the drawings currently on file are enclosed herewith. No other changes have been made and approval by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

By this amendment, claims 1-3, 5-10 and 12 have been cancelled, claims 4 and 11 have been amended. New claims 13-18 have been added to provide applicants with the scope of protection to which they are entitled.

Seki relates to a processing arrangement for cleaning an electrode and providing an oxygen plasma to modify the properties of the electrode. Seki also forms a fluorocarbon plasma to form a fluorocarbon layer over the modified electrode. The subject matter of old claim 8 has been substantially incorporated into new claim 13. Nowhere does Seki disclose, suggest or provide any motivation for using shaped and appropriately positioned plasma producing electrodes to form both the oxygen plasma and fluorocarbon plasma. In fact, Seki does not discuss the use of the electrodes and his process is provided in two separate processing chamber. Clearly the present invention as set forth in claim 13 provides advantages which permit the formation of a thicker fluorocarbon layer over the modified electrode. The Examiner should note that new Claim 15 also specifies by selecting a mixture of gases including a fluorine containing gas which will cause a thicker deposition of the fluorocarbon layer over the electrode than regions adjacent to the electrodes. Nowhere is there any suggestion in Seki of this mixture of gases. Accordingly, it is believed that new independent claims 13 and 15 clearly set forth unobvious subject matter and should be allowable. The remaining claims in the application depend on either claim 13 or 15 and should be allowed along with their base claim.

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Amendments to the Drawings

Replacement sheets for Figs. 1-6 are enclosed which formalize the drawings which were submitted with the application. No other changes have been made.